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3. of June 1665.

IT is for general satisfaction, and to prevent *Misreports* (which are commonly through ignorance or malice begotten upon occasions of this nature) that this present *Narrative* is printed. And to the end that it may be rendred distinctly and intelligibly (the matter bearing it very well on our side,) it shal begin with the first appearance

of the *Dutch Fleet*, on our *Coast*; brought thither rather (in all probability) in expectation of finding Ours in disorder upon the preceding foul weather, and drawn by the report of our unreadiness, then from their own innate valour, though the report of the story shews they had sufficient of that to accompany them in this great undertaking.

Upon their first appearance, which was on June 2d at 2 of the clock, it cost his Royall Highness but little time to make ready; his foregoing care, and the chearfulness of our men, having prevented all hazzard of disorder; And the happy arrival of the *Colliers Fleet* at that instant, having supplied the onely want we had, of Men: Which the *Dutch Fleet* no sooner perceived, but they stood off to sea again, keeping the wind of us, sometimes standing again, to see whether indeed We durst follow them, keeping themselves in good order. Their number was then judged to be 10 *Sail*, and 10 *Fire-ships*. The first good Omen that shewed it self on Our side, was the firing a great Ship of theirs that Evening, then believed to be one of their Flag Ships, which we since have learned was a great *Fire-Ship* so disguised to do the more mischief.

June 2. We followed them till night, and ended.

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endeavoured by several Tacks to get the Wind-
ward quarter, vvhich his Royall Highnes happily
effected, being not full two leagues further
into the sea then vve were the Evening before:
vvhich being gained, they bore up to vvards us,
and gave the first Broad side at Sunrising Saturday 7.
But finding they could not get from us, they
bore up to Vice Admiral Munnies, and gave him
a broadside, who received them accordingly;
and so their whole Fleet passed by Ours, firing
at every ship as they went, and receiving re-
turnes from them; not one of either side be-
ing out of play at this first encounter. Imme-
diately upon which, his Royall Highnes made
his signe for the tacking, that we might still
keep the wind of them, which was happily
executed, notwithstanding that the enemy also
strove for it. In the second pass, the Swifswire
bore the first brunt, which was performed on
both sides as the former. In the third (wherein
we also kept the wind) Prince Rupert, and Cap-
tain Munnies led the way, but the Enemy endea-
vouring to get the head of our whole Fleet,
we engaged in a line, and as we bore towards
them, they still bore off, yet steering the same
Course, so that it was not then a fight of
board and board, But offending one another with
great shot, we being at too great a distance to
make

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make use of our small; which way of fighting
seeming tedious to us, about one of the Clock
we passed so near about the middle of them,
that we devided their Fleet. About three
of the Clock *Opdams* Ship was blown up; as we
suppose by a lucky shot in the powder-room,
which amazed *Their* whole Fleet, as it encour-
aged *Ours*, so we fell in *Pell-mell*, with them.
After vvhich, it will be hard, till stories are well
composed, to give a particular account of vvhhat
happened: Upon the vvhole matter, God hath
been pleased to give his Majestie a great and
signal Victory, the enemy being driven into the
Texell as far as the draught of water and the
condition of our ships vvhould permit; the day
being also very far spent: the summe of all
is, the enemies vvhole Fleet is defeated; the
greatest part of them gone into the *Texel*, o-
thers into the *Maes*; about 30 of them burnt or
taken. *Opdam* vvith his ship, blown up; *Tramp*
and *Cortenaar*, *Skram* and *Stellingwerffe*, all their
7 Admirals but *John Evertson* killed; vvith ma-
ny more of their principal Officers, and accord-
ing to their general computation neare 8000.
seamen and souldiers; on our side only one single
Ship, the (*baritt*) lost, Sir *John Lawson* received
a slight hurt in his knee, the Lord of *Marle-*
borough; The Lord of *Portland*; Captain *Abel-*

ton of the *Guiny*, Captain *Kirby* of the *Breda*, and Rear Admiral *Sanfon*, were slain; Also the Lord of *Falmouth*, the Lord of *Muskery* and Mr. *Boyle* which three last were killed by one unhappy shot on board his *Royal Highness*, and close to his own person: God of Heaven be praised for having preserved him to be the great Instrument of so signal a success, to the honour of His Majesty; and the good of his people.

FINIS.

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